



Robert Ruggiano, My Ocular Story

I realized that something was wrong with my eyes when one evening I veered off the highway because the middle line had moved to the right. Shortly after this incident I began to see cars in front of me doubled. Before this I never had any problems and didn't know what was causing this situation.

My eye doctor said I might have Myasthenia Gravis and sent me to a neurologist who in turn sent me to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fl. They put me through a series of tests and verified my situation. I had ocular Myasthenia Gravis.

What a shock, to find out I had a physical problem that is not curable. I was given a prescription of 60mg Pyridostigmine but it didn't help. I'm now taking Prednisone 50mg with the hope it will diminish my double vision. I'm somewhat disappointed that there is not much I can find about "Ocular Myasthenia Gravis" but I am always looking for a research study that I can apply for as I am willing to do anything to find a cure for this problem.

The bad part is that at present Myasthenia Gravis is not curable. I have to change my eye glasses every so often to correct the double vision (as it progresses) with prisms but the good part for me is that it doesn't hurt (just an incredible annoyance) and if I close one eye I see fine. I pray daily that the medical profession will soon find a cure for this disease.

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